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**REQUEST**

The Office is requested to return initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms filed with the Information Disclosure Statements on March 29, 2002 and December 17, 2001.

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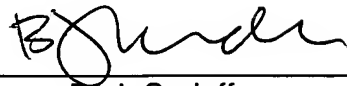
Moreover, acceptance of the previously-filed drawings or specific objection of the same is requested.

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